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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN MINISTER OF STATE WIDJOJO VISIT:

MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

1. INDONESIAN MINSTATE WIDJOJO VISITED WASHINGTON JULY 8-13 AND MET WITH DEPSEC CHRISTOPHER AND UNDER SEC ECON COOPER, DEP UNDER SEC TREASURY SOLOMON, STR STRAUSS AND OTHER OFFICIALS. MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES DISCUSSED AT STATE WERE AS FOLLOW:

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(A) ASEAN - WIDJOJO NOTED TO CHRISTOPHER (JULY 11) THAT ASEAN COOPERATION HAS DEVELOPED STRONGLY OVER PAST TWO YEARS PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC FIELD AND HOPED FOR CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE US. IN RESPONSE, CHRISTOPHER NOTED IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON FORTHCOMING US-ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS. MENTIONING SECRETARY'S JUNE 30 STATEMENT, HE STRESSED OUR INTEREST IN SEA "NO

LESS DEEP AND NO LESS GREAT" EVEN IN ABSENCE MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND WE APPRECIATE FUTURE OF ASEAN. WIDJOJO IMPLIED ASEAN SUMMIT WOULD ONLY CONFIRM PAST DECISIONS AND DECIDE ON CLOSER COOPERATION.

WITH COOPER (JULY 12), WIDJOJO RELATED ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS AGREEMENT TO TAKE THE LEAD DURING US-ASEAN

CONSULTATIONS ON ITEMS OF PRIMARY ECONOMIC CONTENT. HE EXPRESSED INTENT DISCUSS MATTER WITH PHILIPPINE MINISTER PATERNO WITH THE AIM OF ASSURING ECONOMIC MINISTER PARTICIPATION. (COMMENT: MEANWHILE EA CONTINUES TO COOPERATE FULLY AND PROCEED AS SCHEDULED IN ARRANGEMENTS WITH GOP MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS). WIDJOJO SAID ASEAN SUMMIT EARLY AUGUST MAY ALSO NEED TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION AT US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS. WIDJOJO SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, US TAX DEFERRAL POLICY AND MARKET ACCESS FOR EXPORTS AS TOPICS OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS. COOPER SUGGESTED THAT NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AGENDA SHOULD ALSO BE ON THE LIST IN ORDER PERMIT DISCUSSION ON HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED FURTHER ON PENDING ISSUES.

WIDJOJO ALSO ASSURED COOPER THAT COOPER/STRAUSS VISIT TO ASEAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED. COOPER STRESSED THAT THE VISIT WAS PRESIDENT CARTER'S IDEA, SPECIFYING HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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KEEN INTEREST IN THE AREA. WIDJOJO SUGGESTED TIMING COULD DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY OF KEY ASEAN ECONOMIC OFFICIALS.

(B) NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE - CHRISTOPHER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION INDONESIAN AND WIDJOJO'S LEADERSHIP AT RECENT CIEC MEETING PARIS AND INQUIRED WHITHER NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS. WIDJOJO NOTED PARIS CONFERENCE ONLY A STAGE AND IMPETUS SHOULD NOW BE CARRIED FORWARD IN OTHER FORUMS SUCH AS UNCTAD (NOV.) AND FAO ROME (NOV.). IN RESPONSE CHRISTOPHER'S QUERIES, WIDJOJO STATED THERE IS ROOM FOR A SMALLER REVIEW GROUP (POSSIBLY SUCH AS PROPOSED BY VENEZUELA). SHORT DISCUSSION ON UTILITY UN IN TERMS INTEGRATING ENERGY TOPIC (OPEC) INTO N-S DISCUSSION LED TO WIDJOJO COMMENT THAT UN OPTION HAD BEEN RAISED TOO LATE AT CIEC TO BE CONSIDERED, BUT IS WORTHY OF RAISING AGAIN (POSSIBLY DURING UNGA).

(C) COMMODITY POLICY - COOPER STRESSED DETERMINATION OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE FORWARD PROMPTLY TO DETERMINE WHAT AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE REACHED ON SPECIFIC COMMODITIES SUCH AS RUBBER AND TIN. HE SAID US FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO AGREE TO ADVANCE ITS THINKING ON THE COMMON

FUND, WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IT WILL SUPPORT.

(D) PREFERENTIAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN - PROVIDED  
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